

**BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OPEN SESSION MEETING
MINUTES**

**April 11, 2013
Room 110**

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (Board) was held on Thursday, April 11, 2013, in Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M., by Board President Dr. Tanya Sellers-Hannibal.

Additionally, Board members present included: Drs. Jay LeBow, Craig Friedman, Zachary Chattler, and Todd Harrison. Public member of the Board Barbara Crosby, RN, BSN was present. Public member Jay Boyar, EdS was not present.

Staff present: Richard Bloom, AAG, Board Counsel, Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Sheri Henderson, Administrative Officer and Elizabeth Amspacher, Licensing Coordinator.

Guests present: Lynda McGinnis, Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), Paula Hollinger, DHMH, Sharon Bloom, DHMH, and Harold Glazer, D.P.M., visiting Maryland licensed podiatrist.

A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes from March 14, 2013, Meeting.

The minutes of the March 14, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

**1. SB 541/HB 746- Health Occupations - Licensed Podiatrists –
Scope of Practice;**

The Board was informed that Senate Bill 541 Health Occupations - Licensed Podiatrists – Scope of Practice was found unfavorable by the EHEA in the Senate. House Bill 746, the cross filed bill to SB 541, was withdrawn. The Board was given a copy of the Senators voted on the Bill and all but one Senator, who was the sponsor, had voted against the bill.

**2. SB 608/ HB 798- Environment - Radiation Sources –
Podiatry and Chiropractic Radiation Machines;**

The Board was informed that Senate Bill 608- Environment - Radiation Sources – Podiatry and Chiropractic Radiation Machines was found unfavorable by EHEA in the Senate. House Bill 798, the cross filed bill to SB 608,

failed in Environmental Matters and did not come up for a vote. The Board was given a copy of the Senators vote and all but one Senator, who was the sponsor, had voted against the bill.

3. SB 837- prohibit staying of orders of discipline

The Board was informed that Senate Bill 837 Prohibit staying of orders of discipline was found unfavorable by the HGO.

4. SB 593- email renewal notices, get immunity from civil liability, and require the Boards to investigate complaints.

The Board was informed that Senate Bill 593- email renewal notices, get immunity from civil liability, and require the Boards to investigate complaints was passed. The Board will continue to send out license renewal notices via email.

5. SB 603- Drug Dispensing Permits

The Board was informed that Senate Bill 603- Drug Dispensing Permits had failed in the Senate. However, the Boards are responsible for paying for the inspectors from Drug Control and podiatrists can expect a rise in dispensing permit costs in the future.

6. HB 712 - criminal history records check bill- failed in HGO

The Board was informed that House Bill 712 - criminal history records check bill had failed in the HGO, however a summer study will occur.

7. Correspondence from Groupon

The Board reviewed a correspondence that was received from Groupon. It was decided that the Board will wait for the Attorney Generals opinion and take no action at this time.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. MOU with the Child Support Agency

The Board was informed that an MOU has been put into place where if a licensee is discovered with any outstanding child support dues, then the Board is to suspend their license until the child support agency advises the Board that appropriate payment arrangements satisfactory to the agency have been made. At all times, due process will be followed by the Board.

2. MHCC Fees raised to \$36.00 per licensing cycle

The Board was informed that MHCC has raised their fees to 36.00 per licensing cycle. Therefore podiatrists will be expected to pay the 36.00 fee during this year's renewal cycle.

3. FYI- Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 28/No. 1 Spring 2013 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC

The Board received the Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 28/No. 1 Spring 2013 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC for informational purposes.

4. Public Posting by the AG Office

The Board was given a copy of a letter from the Attorney General's Office informing them that the request for an opinion on social advertising sites was received and will start to be addressed.

D. OTHER

Lynda McGinnis, Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), informed the Board that it would be her last meeting that she attends as the liaison for the MPMA.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland State Government Annotated "10-501 et seq." the Board unanimously approved a motion to close its meeting at 1:50 p.m., in room 110 for the purpose of complying with the Maryland Medical Practice Act that prevents public disclosures about particular proceedings or matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay H. Boyar, Secretary/Treasurer

